



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership.

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Area Budget 2026/27: Applications for Funding.

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with details of the area budget allocations for 2026/27, the current budget position and to make recommendations on new applications for funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) Note:
 - (a) the area budget allocation for 2026/27;
 - (b) the current budget position;
 - (c) the introduction of a new area budget application form; and
- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

Introduction.

1. Glasgow City Council set its budget for 2026/27 on [24 February 2026](#). Within the budget, the overall funding for Area Partnerships was increased by £63,000, to be apportioned on the basis of the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
2. On [12th March 2026](#), the Council's City Administration Committee approved allocations to Area Partnerships. The Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Budget for 2026/27 is £90,292.

Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Budget 2026/27.

3. Area Partnerships were able to allocate a portion of their 2026/27 budget, subject to Council Budget approval, in advance for services or activities that were to be delivered in early April 2026, prior to the first meetings of the Partnerships in 2026/27. The Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership Area Partnership committed £1,500 from the 2026/27 Area Budget at its meeting on 3rd February 2026 and £1,533.13 has been committed under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.
4. Therefore, a total of £3,033.13 has been committed to date to various projects serving the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward, leaving a balance of £87,258.87 yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under Delegated Functions.

5. 3 applications have been dealt with since the last meeting of the Area Partnership under Delegated Functions. Details of the applications are provided below:

Applicant	Project Description	Decision
Buddies Clubs and Services	Towards costs of gardening equipment to support their groups	Award £784.13
Kingsway Community Connections	Towards staff costs to facilitate youth work	Award £540
Knightwood Baptist Church	Towards cost of bus hire	Award- £245

Ineligible applications.

6. No ineligible applications have been received for this meeting

Area Budget Application Form.

7. From April 2026, a new, online application form will be introduced. The main reasons for this are:
 - a. To provide greater depth and consistency of information available for decision making at Area Partnerships;

- b. Improve the capture of appropriate information at the application stage to reduce requirements for clarification/additional detail or consideration to be continued to subsequent meetings;
 - c. Speed up the process from application to decision.
8. The new application form seeks to balance the ease of completing the form with ensuring the proper scrutiny of the use of public funds. For this reason, whilst the new form has more questions, they are more direct and in a logical format. This should help to ensure that the necessary information is captured in full at the first stage application, reducing the need to request further information and the delay that causes.
9. The application form has been tested by a number of organisations across the city that had previously submitted area budget applications. They were asked to test the form for clarity and ease of completion. The feedback was very positive and some suggested changes were taken on board by the Communities Team. Below is a summary of the feedback and some quotes from those organisations that tested it:

What people liked

- Easy to use / clear / straightforward
- Save-and-return or autosave features
- Good flow
- Easy document uploading
- Form felt more focused and aligned to the project

“Very easy to complete – and a logical order as well. The questions about eligibility and convenient link to the guidance was also very useful.”

“The form is pretty straightforward and with it being online seems much more simplified than a word document.”

Ease of use and accessibility

- 88% said it was *easy to complete*
- 100% of respondents were happy with the accessibility of the forms.

“The form was very easy to complete, size was perfect, font clear, a massive difference to what we have done before.”

“Yes easy to complete and navigate through”

Other comments

- 78% felt the experience was positive
- 33% felt the new form was a major improvement

“Good form and better / more user friendly than the previous Word document. Going through the web sections the overall application didn’t feel long or as if I would need to repeat myself in different sections.”

“I felt the form was very similar to all other council applications, which is great as it helps ‘uniform’ most things.”

10. The form will be introduced for the 2026/27 financial year with a transition period when we will accept applications using the current form. It's acknowledged that there may be organisations who could face difficulties completing an online form. The Communities Team will put in place appropriate support to ensure this is not a barrier to applying for funding. The new form will be widely advertised and reviewed after a 6 month period.

Area Budget Applications.

11. **Appendix 1** provides a summary of applications that have been received and require consideration. Each application has been assessed and a recommendation is offered which may include specific conditions, in addition to the standard Glasgow City Council conditions of grant.

Recommendations

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Budget 2026/2027 - £90,292
Committed Amount - £3,033.13
Balance - £87,258.87

Applicant, Project Titles, and PRN	Purpose of Award	Local Investment Priority	Total Project Costs (inc. Match funding)	Amount Requested	Recommendation (inc. specific conditions)
<p>Scotstoun Primary School (in partnership with St Paul's and Stepping Stones for Families)</p> <p>Summer Programme</p> <p>PRN 451/22</p>	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the cost of a partnership 4 week summer programme in partnership with St Pauls Primary and Stepping Stones for Families. Stepping Stones for Families will coordinate and are engaged with the families who will be involved in the project. The two trips within the project are aimed at different types of families. The theme park element will be aimed at families with more confidence in social situations and the yard will be aimed at families with less confidence in accessing services and will benefit from the safer spaces.</p> <p>The programme is seeking to provide an opportunity for children and families to take part in experiences over the summer period in structured environment which will seek to provide experiences and connections.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Hire of Hall and Pool- £950</p> <p>Transport- £1,000</p>	<p>Vulnerable People and Families</p>	<p>£4,650</p>	<p>£3,426</p>	<p>Award- £3,426</p> <p>A maximum of £500 can be used for individual transport methods within the project</p> <p>This project is a pro rata split with the Victoria Park Ward, who will consider an award of £1,224</p>

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	Food- £1,000 Theme Park Entry- £1,000 Animal Man- £500 The Yard- £200				
Create Your Dream Empowering Lives PRN 322/25	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the cost of a programme which seeks to empower young people from the age of 15-25 who may face barriers to employment to education and training. The approach focuses around person centred planning and holistic engagement with young people to help set positive destinations.</p> <p>The sessions will take place over 25 weeks with one to one and group sessions working with create your dream volunteers. Venues proposed include Knightswood Community Centre, Yoker Community Campus and The ARC.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Volunteer expenses for 3 volunteers- £2,000</p> <p>Venue Hire- £400</p> <p>Sustenance- £300</p>	Youth Employment and Young People	£5,000	£5,000	Refuse- Costings received do not align with the required levels of funding to support the venue hire. Concerns around levels of engagement specific to Garscadden/Scotstounhill due to venue proposed

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	Clothing Vouchers- £1,500 Unlimited Data- £800				
Barnardo's Scotland Primary and Secondary Transitions Programme PRN- TBC	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the cost of delivering a transitions programme for P1 and P7 pupils at Blairdardie Primary School.</p> <p>The project will begin in May 2026 and end in March 2027 allowing for almost a full year of working with the pupils through and in the lead up to their transitions.</p> <p>The project seeks to deliver a structured project to support new primary 1's and primary 7 pupils who will be moving to secondary school. The project will provided sessions in smaller groups and be co-designed the pupils through initial conversations.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Pre-delivery (risk assessments, consents, equipment, admin)- £675</p> <p>P1/P7 transition/settling (14 hours per group split into 8 groups)- £5,040</p>	Youth and Young People	£10,350	£5,175	Award- £5,175 This application is a pro-rata split with the Drumchapel/Anniesland Ward

	<p>Prep and Post Delivery- £3,600</p> <p>Reporting of Project Delivery- £675</p> <p>Parent and Carer Sessions (Celebration and Information Sessions)- £360</p>				
<p>Healing for the Heart Wellbeing Hub</p> <p>PRN- 424/20</p>	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the cost of setting up a wellbeing hub in Heart of Scotstoun every Thursday for 3 hours for 45 weeks with the anticipation of 15 people attending the sessions.</p> <p>It is hoped the sessions will provide access to a range of different types of therapy and activities that the cost may otherwise be a barrier to entry. There is an anticipation that post area budget funding other funding sources will be sought to continue the programme and continue the programme.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Hall Hire (£60 per week)- £2,700</p> <p>Refreshments- £900</p> <p>Lunch for Participants- £900</p> <p>Facilitator fees- £2,250</p> <p>Development Lead- £2,234</p>	<p>Vulnerable People and Families</p> <p>Alcohol, Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>£9,640 Match Funding</p> <p>Organisation Fundraising- £934</p>	£8,706	Award- £8,706

	Activity Materials- £250 Creche Costs for 7 weeks- £406				
Halo Arts Youth Theatre in Scotstoun PRN 437/19	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the cost of beginning an 8 week pilot of youth theatre in Scotstoun on Thursday nights in Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre. The programme would consist of two sessions for ages 5-9 and 10-16 over two sessions.</p> <p>The project seeks to build on the success of the community pantomime hosted in the centre in December 2025.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Arts Practitioner at £70 for 16 sessions - £1,120 Workshop Assistant at £50 for 16 sessions- £800 Hall Hire for 16 x 90min sessions at £15 per hour- £384 Publicity and Promotion- £300 Graphic Design, Administration and Insurance- £400 Workshop Materials- £300</p>	Vulnerable People and Youth Employment	£4,004 Match Funding £700 in kind support	£3,304	<p>Refuse-</p> <p>Costs provided for venue hire are not accurate in relation to the proposed venue</p> <p>Applicant increased requests for costs following consideration on the application in February 2026</p>
Abercorn Secondary School Italian Residential	The school is seeking funding towards a contribution to the costs of a residential trip to Italy with pupils. The trip hopes to build on weekly ski sessions that the school has been	Vulnerable People and Families	£2,000	£682 Drumchapel/An	<p>Award £682</p> <p>Award for the pro rata split is calculated in line with £1,500</p>

<p>Trip</p> <p>PRN- TBC</p>	<p>involved at Bearsden Ski Centre.</p> <p>It is hoped that the trip will allow the young people to experience skiing in the dolomites. Any potential funding from the area partnership would reduce the cost of the project for participants.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Contribution towards trip- £2,000</p>			<p>niesland will consider a pro rata split of £818</p>	
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<p>DRC Generations</p> <p>Programme Activity Costs</p> <p>PRN- 231/26</p>	<p>The organisation is seeking funding towards the costs of a programme of family days for participants in their exceptional minds group.</p> <p>The project would run throughout 2026 with 6 summer outings, 1 in October and 1 in December. The project would provide costs of entry to families and food for these days out.</p> <p>The costs detailed for the buddy programme would seek to provide a day of outdoor activity during the summer for the young people involved in the project to develop confidence and bond as a group.</p>	<p>Young People</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Vulnerable People and Families</p>	<p>£28,706</p> <p>Match Funding</p> <p>National Lottery- £20,000</p>	<p>£8,706</p>	<p>Refuse</p> <p>Application has various inconsistencies in relation to information provided by applicant in the application form and through email.</p>
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	<p>Travel would be provided through group mini buses and southwest community transport.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <p>Activities for buddy programme- £1,500</p> <p>Coach trips - £7,000</p> <p>Day out passes for Families- £15,206</p> <p>Food for Families- £5,000</p>				
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Approved Funding 2026/27.

PRN	Date awarded	Organisation	Event, Activity or Equipment	Amount Awarded
154/21	3/2/2026	Clyde Primary School	Residential Trip	£1,500
336/22	26/3/2026	Buddies Clubs and Services	Equipment	£748.13

229/26	26/3/2026	Kingsway Community Connections	Sessional Staffing Costs	£540
463/23	26/3/2026	Knightswood Baptist Church	Bus Hire	£245